

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th
APRIL 2024 AT 2.45pm via ZOOM.**

Present: Peter Brennan, Jason Mulhall, Tom Cavanagh, Amanda Mooney, Pat O'Suilleabháin, Patrick Mboci, Vibeke Delahunt, Carina Holmes, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Cllr. Peir Leonard and Eileen Cullen.

Apologies: Stephen Fitzgerald, Brian Carty, Oisín Jordan, Emer O'Gorman, Cllr. Pat Kennedy and Imelda Halton (in place of Aisling Heffernan for a number of months)

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson, Patricia Carmody, Patricia Reilly, Fionnuala Curry, Kay O'Connor, Jennifer D'Arcy, Eithne Gunning, Máire Halvey and Barbara Mason

Item 1 Welcome and apologies

Cllr. Melanie Corrigan welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave the apologies.

Item 2 Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 11th December 2023 were adopted with no matters arising
Proposed by Cllr. Peir Leonard
Seconded by Vibeke Delahunt

Item 3 Local Area Child Poverty Pilot Plans

Fionnuala Curry, Tusla, gave a presentation on the following application -

CYPSC / LCDC Local Area Child Poverty Pilot Plans Update

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) are jointly conducting a pilot programme that will establish at least four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans.

The overall objective is to ensure that disadvantaged families and children access the services that they need in their local areas.

The underpinning assumption informing these local area child poverty plans is that outcomes for children and families can be improved by promoting experiences of enhanced service integration, whereby families can effectively access appropriate services. Service integration is a wide term which includes but is not limited to: enhancing visibility of existing services, developing referral supports or mechanisms, enhancing interagency cooperation, co-locating services for ease of access, collaborative delivery of key supports, etc.

These pilots are to be developed and implemented by Children and Young People's Service Committees (CYPSC) in collaboration with their corresponding Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

Recognising existing responses to local service coordination and integration, the pilots are expected to offer an opportunity for the CYPSC and LCDC to leverage established good practice and propose creative actions to make sure that existing services perform better for children and families.

A Multi-Agency Task Group has been formed, led by Wicklow CYPSC, to make an application by the deadline of the 7th June.

Item 4 SICAP report and update on new SICAP Programme

Annual Plans 2024: Both Partnerships presented their Annual Plans, Jennifer D’Arcy and Eithne Gunning for Bray Area Partnership and Kay O’Connor for Co. Wicklow Partnership. The Plans have also been assessed against checklists in relation to budgets, key performance indicators and other outcome requirements and now ready for approval.

Proposed by Cllr. Dermot O’Brien
Seconded by Pat Ó’Suilleabháin

End of Year Reports 2023: End of Year Reports from both Lots have been assessed and found to be in adherence with all requirements and now ready for approval.

Proposed by Vibeke Delahunt
Seconded by Carina Homes.

Sub-contractors 2024: Lists from both Partnerships distributed with agenda for members’ review. Both were approved.

Proposed by Tom Cavanagh
Seconded by Cllr. Dermot O’Brien

Audit Reports 2022: Final reports circulated with agenda. Both companies achieved second from top rating of Reasonable which is commendable. Any items raised will be followed up on in audit of SICAP 2023 programme to take place later this year. Both reports were approved.

Proposed by Cllr. Dermot O’Brien
Seconded by Pat Ó’Suilleabháin

Publicity Materials 2023: Full publicity files circulated with agenda for members’ review. Materials compliant with publicity protocol.
Approved by Carina Holmes
Seconded by Amanda Mooney

Patrick Mboci left the meeting at 3.15
Cllr. Peir Leonard left the meeting at 3.27

There was a discussion around these items and the members sent thanks to all concerned for their work in preparing everything.
Peter Brennan spoke about the fact that there is less funding for 2024 than there had been for 2023 and that they have requested further funding
The issue of integration and proving support for the new arrivals. MN spoke about Local Authority Integration Team, headed up by Meadhbh Quinn and the work they are carrying out.

Item 5 Draft Implementation Plan for LECP for approval

MN explained that any submissions can be sent to Barbara to pass on.
Cllr Peir Leonard had already left the meeting but had sent a query via Cllr. Tom Fortune which MN said would be sent on to Justin Gleeson of People and Place who are dealing with the LECP Implementation Plan.

Item 6 Any other business

Máire Halvey, WCC, joined the meeting to inform the committee about the results of the applications for the Local Enhancement Programme grants. She explained that the list of grantees which had been circulated, for both the General LEP grants and the Women's Ringfenced funding, were confidential until such time as the Department have approved same.

There was a discussion around the scheme and they were approved by the committee.

General LEP –

Proposed by Vibeke Delahunt

Seconded by Amanda Mooney

Women's Ringfenced Fund –

Proposed by Amanda Mooney

Seconded by Vibeke Delahunt.

MN then explained that as Lorraine Hennessy had stepped down from the LCDC, there was a vacancy it was proposed that Fionnuala Curry, representing Tusla/CYPSC, would be nominated to join the committee. This was approved

Proposed by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

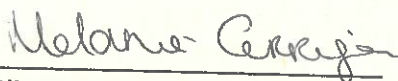
Seconded by Carina Holmes

There was no other business to discuss.

Item 6 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next meeting will be the third Wednesday of May 15th.
MC closed the meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance.

Signed:



Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
Cathaoirleach

Date:

15/5/24